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August 2, 2010

Mr. Victor Ketellapper
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Dear Victor:

I am sending the enclosed communication from one of my constituents, Josie Fisher, for your consideration. I would very much appreciate your comments on this matter.

Please direct your reply and any questions to my Kalispell office at the address and phone numbers provided below:

U.S. Senator Max Baucus
8 Third Street East
Kalispell, MT 59901
Phone 406-756-1150
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Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Office of US Senator Max Baucus

Privacy Act Release

Due to provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (USC § 552a), I must have your written permission before I can make an inquiry on your behalf and/or receive any information to complete your request.

Date: 8/2/10

Dear Max,

I authorize you to make inquiries to the appropriate parties in my behalf.

Signature Josie Fisher

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Please state your request and a brief explanation below. Include copies of letters or other documents that may help us investigate your complaint. ***Please send only copies of documents – do not send your originals.***

Please see attached letter.



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See attached letter.

Timeline of Events:

July 20th, 2010: Started the asbestos cleanup. Before the clean up started I called office personnel and asked if I should cover any items or objects in the house and was told it was not necessary. I expressed my concerns about this matter and they reassured me that covering things was not needed. (I should have listened to my gut)

July 28th, 2010: EPA cleared us to move back into the house. My family and I moved back in on the afternoon of July 28th. After moving in I bathed my little girl in the bathtub and my boys went to playing in their room. I started looking around the house and noticed a shiny layer of dust covering everything in the house. The highest concentration of shiny dust was in the bedroom closets. Had I noticed this shiny dust when I first arrived I would have never set foot in the house. I immediately called the office personnel who was in charge of my house and she met me at the house at about 7 p.m. on the 28th. I showed her the dust and she was concerned about what she was seeing as well. She then called her supervisor and he also came to the house that night and arrived at about 7:45 p.m. He also walked through the house with me and the office personnel. He also saw the shiny dust in the house. He also saw the shiny dust on my kid's clothes that were in their closet on shelves. He said he did not know how the shiny dust got all over everything. From the research I have done on the government website concerning asbestos and vermiculite clean up, the vermiculite is a shiny substance that contains asbestos. EPA could not confirm or deny that the shiny dust was asbestos/vermiculite, so I did not feel safe moving back into the house at that time. The supervisor that met me at the house on the night of the 28th said he could do a courtesy cleaning and retest just the two bedrooms where the concentration was the highest. I did not feel he was taking the correct measures. I wanted the entire house tested again because the shiny dust is everywhere in the house, not just the bedrooms. I had to call the head supervisor in Libby and tell him what had happened and request for a complete retest of the entire house. He did agree after talking, but he wasn't aware that the shiny dust was covering the entire house. The communication and organization in this operation is very poor. Today it is August 2nd, 2010 and I am still not in the house. The EPA has gone in and retested and I am now waiting to hear the results of the testing. I have called and talked to the head supervisor and asked why we were cleared to move back into the home when it was obvious that shiny dust was present. He said that the test they did before us moving in came back clear. I asked him if he tested the inside of the home and he said that they only tested the attic and not the interior of the home. I do not agree with that decision. I do not live in the attic, I live in the interior of my home and feel they should have cleaned and at least looked at the inside before clearing me to move back in. If they would have done that they would have noticed the shiny dust everywhere and prevented me and my family from breathing it in. I am not getting exact answers or I am getting different answers to my questions and feel like the truth is unknown. I do not feel it is safe to move me and my family back into that house and do not feel it is my financial responsibility to find a new place to live due to the fact of the irresponsibility of EPA and their work ethics. I do have several other questions and concerns, and I also have facts from the government website that answer a few of my concerns but the EPA is not hearing me. I need to be in a home with my family and this process has been a nightmare and need your help. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please call me with further questions. 208-640-3252 Josie Fisher